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SUBJ: VISIT OF FRANKFURT CITY DELEGATION TO THE U.S.

1. A DELEGATION FROM THE CITY OF FRANKFURT WILL VISIT
NEW YORK AND CHICAGO BETWEEN MAY 30 AND JUNE 9, 1978.
DETAILED ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISITS HAVE BEEN MADE BY
THE CITY WITH THE GERMAN CONSULATES AND THE GERMAN-
AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

2. THE CHICAGO VISIT WILL BE FROM MAY 30 TO JUNE 1
INCLUSIVE WITH A FRANKFURT GROUP HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE CITY PARLIAMENT, MR. KORENKE (CDU). DR. WALTER
WALLMANN (CDU), FRANKFURT LORD MAYOR, WILL HEAD THE
GROUP VISITING NEW YORK FROM JUNE 5 TO JUNE 9, ALTHOUGH
HE PERSONALLY MAY NOT STAY FOR THE ENTIRE DURATION OF
THE NEW YORK VISIT. WALLMANN WILL, HOWEVER BE IN
WASHINGTON FROM LATE PM MAY 31 TO JUNE 4.

A) THE NEW YORK AND CHICAGO VISITS ARE LARGELY COMMERCIAL
AND TOURIST PROMOTION EFFORTS WITH ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY
MADE AS INDICATED ABOVE. HOWEVER, THE FRANKFURT GROUP
WOULD ALSO LIKE TO ESTABLISH SOME CONTACT WITH THE
RESPECTIVE CITY HALLS IN BOTH CITIES AND THEY HAVE
WRITTEN THE MAYORS IN THIS REGARD. TO THE EXTENT
FEASIBLE WE WOULD APPRECIATE STATE OR ICA SUPPORT TO
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ARRANGE FOR CALLS AT NEW YORK AND CHICAGO CITY HALLS.
IT WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEFUL IF MAYOR KOCK COULD
RECEIVE LORD MAYOR WALLMANN.

B) CONSUL GENERAL AND DR. WALLMANN EXPECT TO DISCUSS
LATTER'S WASHINGTON PROGRAM ON MONDAY MAY 22. WE
WILL SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOWING THAT DISCUSSION.

MEANWHILE WE WOULD NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT WALLMANN, FORMER
BUNDESTAG MEMBER, IS A FIGURE OF GROWING POLITICAL
INFLUENCE IN THE CDU WITH A KEY ROLE IN THE UPCOMING
OCTOBER ELECTIONS IN HESSE AND IN SHAPING CDU POLICY.

HE IS ALSO A GOOD FRIEND OF THE U.S. WE THEREFORE HOPE
HE CAN BE SEEN BY APPROPRIATE PEOPLE IN WASHINGTON. LEHMANN

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